

LFP Abiotic Data Collection

Variable	Categories	Details
Date		Date of the day. Important: the date of one night stays the same after 0:00!
Starting time		First contact with animal minus 5 minutes
End time		Leaving the animal. Please note down time when leave and find new animal if you swap animal during the night.
Rain	No	If it starts raining during observation please continue observing as long as possible (as otherwise it creates bias); if you seek shelter, wait at least 1-2 hours if the rain stops before you decide to go home
	Little: Drizzle	
	Medium: continuous	
	Strong: getting wet quickly	
Wind	0	None
	1	Little: Leaves are moving clearly
	2	Medium: branches are moving
	3	Strong: Small trees are bending
Cloud	0 - 100	10 % steps of cloud cover
Fog	0	None
	1	Little: >15 m
	2	Medium: 5-15 m
	3	Strong: < 5m
Moon Visible	0	Moon not visible (below horizon/thick cloud)
	1	Moon visible (above horizon)
Observer1		Researcher (person collecting behavioural data)
Observer2		Tracker/field guide
Others		Other people
Observation type	Focal observation	Can be edited to suit research project
	Capture	
	Transect	